

## Largest Employers in Washburn County

These employers provide roughly  
1 in every 2 jobs in the county

Employer name	Product or Service
Link Snacks Inc	Meat processed from carcasses
Spooner Health System Inc	Gen. medical & surgical hospitals
School District of Spooner	Elementary & secondary schools
County of Washburn	Executive & legislative offices, combined
Birchwood Lumber & Veneer	Hardwood veneer & plywood mfg.
Schmitz's Spooner Economart	Supermarkets & other grocery stores
School District of Shell Lake	Elementary & secondary schools
Department of Natural Resources	Admin. of conservation programs
New Age Cable Communications	Residential electrical contractors
School District of Birchwood	Elementary & secondary schools
Indianhead Comm. Action Agency	Other individual & family services
Ready Fixtures Co OOB 5/05	Showcases, partitions, shelving, & lockers
Northwood School District	Elementary & secondary schools
Indianhead Medical Center	Gen. medical & surgical hospitals
Terraceview Living Center	Nursing care facilities
WI Indianhead Tech. Coll. - Admin.	Junior colleges
T & T Tool Inc	Machine shops
CUSA ES LLC	School & employee bus transportation
BFI Waste Systems of N. America	Solid waste landfill
Ventures Unlimited Inc	Vocational rehabilitation services
Village of Birchwood- Washburn	Executive & legislative offices, combined
McDonalds Restaurants	Limited-service restaurants
Department of Transportation	Transportation program admin.
R Stresau Laboratory Inc	Explosives mfg.
Beaver Mfg Inc	Nonupholstered wood hshld. furn. mfg.
Jersey's Sports Bar & Grill	Full-service restaurants
City of Spooner	Executive & legislative offices, combined
Shell Lake State Bank	Commercial banking
Badger Buses of Spooner Inc	School & employee bus transportation
Transport Services Unlimited	Gen. frght trucking, long-dist, not a truck
Spooner Creek Designs Inc	Vitreous china/earthenware articles mfg.
US Postal Service/Spooner	Postal service
Northern Automotive	Automotive parts & accessories stores
Prime Bar Family Dining Inc	Drinking places, alcoholic beverages
Red Cross Pharmacy Inc	Pharmacies & drug stores

Source: WI DWD, Unemployment Compensation file, June 2004

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## Job Centers in Northwest Wisconsin

WI Job Center-Ashland  
411 Ellis Av  
Ashland WI 54806  
715-682-7220

Burnett Co Job Center  
7410 Co. Rd. K #280  
Siren WI 54872  
715-349-2150

WI Job Center-Hayward  
15618 Windrose Lane  
Hayward WI 54843  
715-634-7545

WI Job Center-Ladysmith  
108 W Second St. N.  
Ladysmith WI 54848  
715-532-2700

WI Job Center-Medford  
624 E College Av  
Medford WI 54451  
715-748-5621

WI Job Center-Phillips  
1408 Pine Ridge Rd.  
Phillips WI 54555  
715-339-7255  
  
Park Falls Partner Off.  
400 S 4th Av  
Park Falls WI 54552  
715-762-2477

WI Job Center-Spooner  
522 Service Rd Hwy 70 E  
Spooner WI 54801  
715-635-2175

WI Job Center-Superior  
1805 North 14th St.  
Superior WI 54880  
715-392-7800

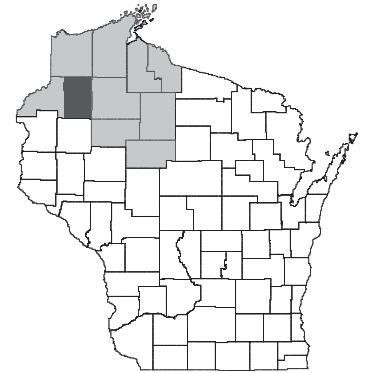
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# WASHBURN COUNTY

## LABOR MARKET

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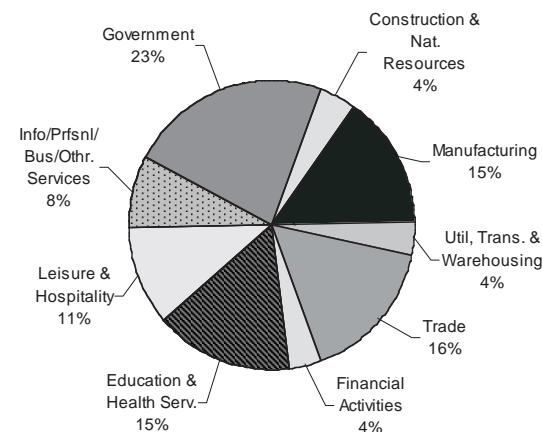
### Washburn County...

is one of ten counties in the Northwest Wisconsin Workforce Development Area. In 2004 the average annual unemployment rate was 6.1 percent, an improvement from 2003 but still much higher than the annual Wisconsin unemployment rate of 4.9 percent in 2004.

The area has a long association with logging and tourism and some of those characteristics are shared by Washburn County. The county's natural resources sustain tourism, manufacturing, and even many environmental, government jobs. Employment in government, including schools, local administration, and regional offices for state

agencies, is the largest industry sector in Washburn County. The third largest, manufacturing includes some of the county's largest employers, while tourism (leisure & hospitality) with an average weekly wage of \$194, provides roughly 11 percent of the jobs. The average weekly wage in 2004 for workers in manufacturing was \$713 and in government was \$522. The average weekly wage for all workers was \$499, only 72 percent of the average wage in the state of \$695.

### 2004 Employment by Industry in Washburn County

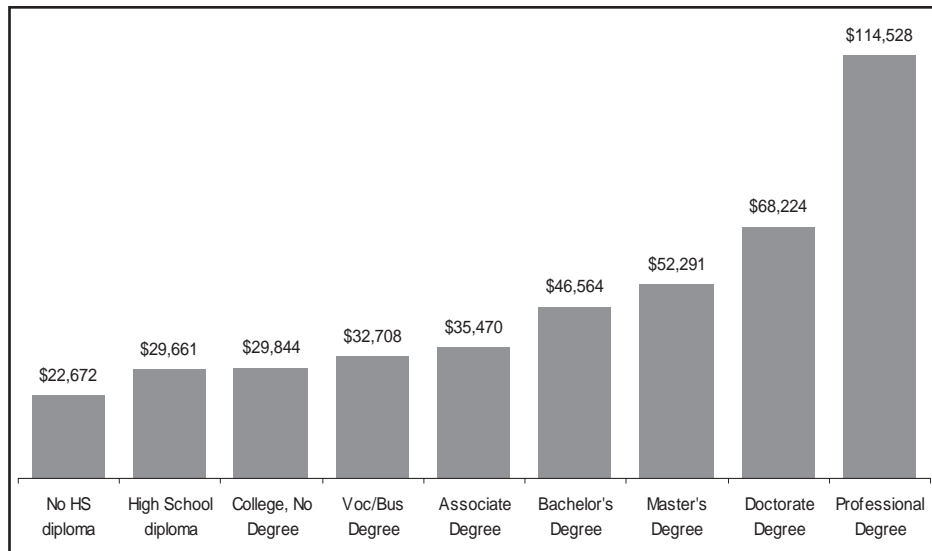


	Top Ten Occupations	Typical Education or Training Path*	Average Wage**
Fastest Growth	Home Health Aides	1-month or less training	\$9.17
	Personal and Home Care Aides	1-month or less training	\$8.45
	Social/Human Service Assistants	1-12 mo. on-the-job training	\$13.06
	Registered Nurses	Bachelor's or Assoc. degree	\$21.38
	Preschool Teachers/Ex. Special Ed	Bachelor's degree	\$15.37
	Electricians	12 mo. or more on-the-job trng.	\$17.18
	Receptionists/Info Clerks	1-month or less training	\$9.81
	Bus Drivers/School	1-month or less training	\$11.15
	Child Care Workers	1-month or less training	\$8.96
	Counter and Rental Clerks	1-month or less training	\$8.81
Most Openings	Cashiers	1-month or less training	\$7.47
	Waiters/Waitresses	1-month or less training	\$7.34
	Retail Salespersons	1-month or less training	\$8.90
	Truck Drivers/Heavy/Tractor-Trailer	1-12 mo. on-the-job training	\$17.10
	Comb Food Prep/Serv Wrk/Incl Fast Fd	1-month or less training	\$6.60
	Nursing Aides/Orderlies/Attendants	1-month or less training	\$10.17
	Registered Nurses	Bachelor's or Assoc. degree	\$21.38
	Bartenders	1-month or less training	\$7.82
	Carpenters	12 mo. or more on-the-job trng.	\$16.53
	Office Clerks/General	1-month or less training	\$9.69

\* The most common way to enter the occupation, not the only way

\*\* Wages from Occupation Employment Statistics survey responses for region, 2002

**2003 Wisconsin Average Annual Earnings by Degree for Population Aged 25 years and over**



Source: 2003 PUMS from ACS, US Census Bureau

**These 40 occupations provide over half the jobs** to workers in an area that includes Ashland, Bayfield, Douglas, Iron, Sawyer, Vilas, and Washburn counties<sup>1</sup>.

Hourly wages are from survey information gathered from local employers in 2004. The list includes many service occupations related to tourism and health care.

Occupation title	Lowest 10% wages*	Hourly average	Mid-range**
Cashiers	\$5.83	\$8.27	\$6.47 - \$9.26
Waiters & Waitresses	\$5.63	\$9.25	\$6.21 - \$12.53
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	\$10.99	\$16.75	\$13.03 - \$19.65
Retail Salespersons	\$6.58	\$10.26	\$7.52 - \$11.20
Janitors & Cleaners, Except Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	\$6.45	\$9.91	\$7.68 - \$12.03
Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, & Executive	\$7.41	\$10.42	\$8.11 - \$12.68
Bartenders	\$5.88	\$8.02	\$6.75 - \$8.53
Combined Food Prep. & Serving Wrkr, Inclg Fast Food	\$5.66	\$7.35	\$6.14 - \$8.32
Carpenters	\$11.70	\$17.96	\$14.33 - \$23.61
Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks	\$7.78	\$11.94	\$9.41 - \$14.00
Office Clerks, General	\$6.97	\$10.02	\$8.22 - \$11.59
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Ed.	\$31,178	\$42,105	\$37,099 - 48,056 <sup>#</sup>
Nursing Aides, Orderlies, & Attendants	\$8.52	\$10.53	\$9.23 - \$12.02
Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	\$5.90	\$7.90	\$6.71 - \$8.90
Laborers & Freight, Stock, & Material Movers, Hand	\$6.69	\$11.23	\$8.18 - \$13.06
Sales Reps, Whsl. & Mfg, Except Tech & Scientific Products	\$11.63	\$17.34	\$12.62 - \$20.37
Cooks, Restaurant	\$7.94	\$10.92	\$9.02 - \$12.71
Teacher Assistants	\$14,513	\$19,701	\$15,991 - 23,392 <sup>#</sup>
Registered Nurses	\$18.06	\$23.82	\$20.05 - \$27.20
Dishwashers	\$5.57	\$6.93	\$6.01 - \$7.84
General & Operations Mngrs.	\$15.09	\$33.46	\$19.32 - \$43.19
1st-Line Sprvr/Mngrs. of Retail Sales Wrkr	\$8.58	\$16.11	\$10.69 - \$18.59
Maintenance & Repair Wrkr, General	\$8.75	\$13.40	\$10.26 - \$16.25
Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services	\$6.49	\$11.95	\$8.14 - \$15.57
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special & Vocational Ed.	\$28,089	\$39,688	\$35,020 - 44,355 <sup>#</sup>
Cooks, Short Order	\$5.67	\$7.31	\$6.02 - \$7.70
Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	\$9.83	\$15.59	\$11.84 - \$19.70
1st-Line Sprvr/Mngrs. of Food Prep. & Serving Wrkr	\$8.93	\$12.96	\$10.17 - \$15.67
Personal & Home Care Aides	\$7.34	\$9.27	\$8.70 - \$10.37
Executive Secretaries & Admin. Assistants	\$10.15	\$15.02	\$11.89 - \$16.80
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	\$6.12	\$9.42	\$7.33 - \$11.00
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	\$9.26	\$13.29	\$10.79 - \$15.70
Packers & Packagers, Hand	\$5.80	\$7.84	\$6.35 - \$9.04
Food Preparation Wrkr	\$6.01	\$8.47	\$6.95 - \$9.86
1st-Line Sprvr/Mngrs. of Office & Admin. Support Wrkr	\$10.96	\$18.41	\$13.22 - \$21.72
Cooks, Institution & Cafeteria	\$7.13	\$10.01	\$8.31 - \$11.63
Hotel, Motel, & Resort Desk Clerks	\$7.08	\$8.61	\$7.66 - \$9.67
Middle School Teachers, Except Special & Vocational Ed.	\$26,468	\$39,740	\$32,275 - 47,254 <sup>#</sup>
Accountants & Auditors	\$9.84	\$21.63	\$13.62 - \$25.08
1st-Line Sprvr/Mngrs. of Production & Operating Wrkr	\$12.55	\$19.80	\$14.65 - \$23.92

\* 10% of wages are lower

\*\*Middle 50% of wages

# only annual wages available

<sup>1</sup> A group of counties that shares similar employment and wages combined to meet a threshold to publish wage data.